

REMARKS

Following said Examiner's Amendment E, claims 1-48 were active in the case and were allowed. Applicants hereby seek to amend claims 1, 21, and 41 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of all claims herein, claims 1-48 as amended, are hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants seek to amend claim 21 to correct a typographical error in the Examiner's Amendment E, namely to delete the indefinite article "a" that the Examiner erroneously inserted in the phrase "the signing interface forwarding the digital signature to a the remote location".

On page 6, item 4, of said Examiner's Amendment E, the Examiner stated "Claims 1, 5, 15, 21, 35, 39, 41, 45-48 have been amended" (by Applicants' Amendment D). This should be corrected to read "Claims 1, 5, 15, 21, 35, 39, 41, 45, and 48 have been amended."

Applicants further seek to amend claims 1 and 41 to correct informalities. Namely, Applicants seek to change "system" to "apparatus" on line 2 of each of these claims to achieve consistency with the wording used in the remainder of these claims.

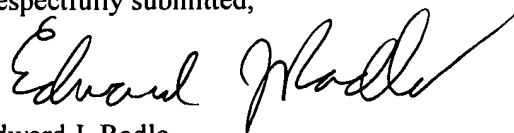
Entry of the foregoing amendments, which merely correct formal matters without changing the scope of the claims, is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance of all claims herein, claims 1-48 as amended. If the Examiner disagrees or believes that, for any other reason, direct contact with Applicants' attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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